

**Long-Term Care Commission**  
**March 22, 2006**  
**Detroit Hilton, Troy, Michigan**  
**3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Linda Ewing, Sandi Kilde, Bill Mania, Toni Wilson, Dohn Hoyle, Rev. Charles Williams II, RoAnne Chaney, James Francis-Bohr, Andy Farmer, Linda L. Mulligan, Jon Reardon, Marsha Moers, Christine Chesny, William Gutos, Hollis Turnham, Yolanda McKinney,

**EX OFFICIO MEMBERS:** Patrice Eller (for Marianne Udow), Sarah Slocum, Sharon Gire, Janet Olszewski

**ABSENT:** Wendall Stone

**PUBLIC:** Michael Head, Jan Christensen, Mary K. Thelen, Jackie Tichnell, Jane Church, Reginald Carter, Jim McGuire, Joanne Bump, Deanna Mitchell, Cyndy Viars, Clark Goodrich, Mark Cody, Irma Lopez, Susan Steinke, Michael Daeschlein, Charley Reed

**HANDOUTS:** Power point presentations of the Commission Charges, Operations of the Commission per the Executive Order, and the Long-Term Care Task Force Recommendations, Updated Commission Contact List

**Welcome and Introductions:** Chairperson Marsha Moers called the commission to order at 3:22 pm and welcomed the commission members and audience. All members were invited to introduce themselves and provide a short explanation of why they requested to be commission members.

- Chris Chesny: representing Michigan Home Health Association. She is also president of the Visiting Nurses Association. She is an RN and an MPA and was involved in several of the workgroups through the Task Force process and found it to be one of the most valuable and refreshing processes she has been involved in her life
- Bill Gutos – was a pilot in World War II. He finished college in 1949, then went was involved in the Korean War and Vietnam War. As a leader and working with people, he has found that, at any level, we need to be concerned with helping people who need it. With that experience and joining a lot of senior organizations and being an advocate since 1988, Bill has found it gratifying to see all of the volunteers giving their time to do important work. He also wants to see all of the uninsured covered.
- Hollis Turnham – her formal appointment to the commission is to represent the views of those who work in long-term care. Like Christine and others, she gained a new energy and hope during participation in the Task Force.

- Patrice Eller – representing Marianne Udow as an ex-officio commission member. Patrice was very involved in the Long-Term Care Task Force. The Michigan Department of Human Services is the administrative arm of the Michigan Department of Community Health. Patrice is involved in Home Help and Adult Community Placement.
- Linda Ewing – is the research Director for the United Auto Workers. Some of our union's members in Michigan are employed in the long-term care workforce but even more are consumers or family members. She brings that perspective to the table. Also, Linda brings a background in economics but is mainly absolutely thrilled to be part of this constructive process.
- Sandi Kilde – the Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging has had a vision of putting together a system that puts everything in one place for the consumer since 1996. Sandi participated in the Task Force and found those meetings fascinating. She feels that, to really bring those concepts forward is all about implementation and how it gets implemented is very important. She hopes that even though this committee is advisory that we are listened to.
- Sarah Slocum – Sarah is the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman and an ex-officio member of the commission. It is just very exciting that this group of very passionate and dedicated people is getting together.
- Bill Mania – was a nursing home resident for 6 years and head of the residents' council at the facility. He has advocated for people with dementia and for folks who could not speak for themselves. Bill is a participant in the MI Choice Waiver and just became a volunteer long-term care ombudsman. He wants to make sure that nursing homes are doing what they are supposed to be doing and not throwing money out the window. He also wants to make sure nursing homes are giving proper care to the residents and training to the aides.
- Toni Wilson – is from Citizens for Better Care (CBC) and is the program director in the Southeast Michigan CBC office. Toni spends a lot of time in nursing homes and knows what their issues are and what is important to them. She is honored to be appointed and have a chance to contribute.
- Dohn Hoyle – Dohn is the Executive Director of the Arc of Michigan. This issue is of particular concern to him because he has been a long believer in choice. He felt very privileged to serve on the Task Force. What Dohn would say to people who worry about the commission being "advisory" is that he has no intention of wasting his time on advisory and it will be what the commission makes it.
- Rev Charles Williams II – represents two constituencies – part of his membership includes those that he visits every week in nursing homes. He is absolutely committed to making a difference.

- RoAnne Chaney – RoAnne is the former chairperson of the Task Force. She related her personal story of being in the hospital and how hard it was to get the hospital to listen to her.
- Jim Francis Bohr – is the IT specialist for the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition. He is a user of long-term care since his injury at age 20. He is married and has 2 children. He was lucky because of his insurance. Without Sally, he would not be here. Jim feels the long-term care should not be about luck.
- Andy Farmer – his commitment is that AARP's resources are brought to bear on this work.
- Sharon Gire – is ex-officio member representing the Office of Services to the Aging. She became aware of the issues in long-term care in the late 70's through a personal contact. She is excited by what the Task Force has pulled together and the Committee's role in continuing the work.
- Yolanda McKinney – is the Executive Director of Caring Hearts. She has seen the hands on perspective of long-term care and being on the Commission gives her a chance to see it from the other side. A lot of people fall through the cracks.
- Linda Mulligan – about 20 months ago, her mother had a stroke and needed lots of care. Linda has dealt with the system and her mother has had respite care, home care and nursing home care. UPCAP recommended she apply for the commission. She is very privileged to be here and wants to do whatever she can do to help.
- Jon Reardon – is the first chairperson of the Health Care Association of Michigan. He is a second generation nursing facility owner. Jon started as an orderly and worked his way up. What he hopes to bring to the commission is experience. He sees that change is happening.
- Marsha Moers – spent three years in the nursing home. She tried to unionize the facility but they kept falling asleep on her. Since then, Marsha has come to Lansing and got a job. She heard a statement lately – “respect people's choice.” We want them to have knowledge about choices. As Sharon pointed out, we come here today because of something that happened in the summer after the Task Force Report was presented: the Executive Order was announced.

### **Executive Order**

- **Review of Charges to the Commission:** Jan Christensen provided a power point presentation of the Executive Order and the Charge to the Commission. He explained that the Executive Order was written the same day as the Governor received the Long-Term Care Task Force Recommendations. The Governor did not want to wait to implement these recommendations.

The Executive Order does three things: 1) it creates the Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services. It brought key people from existing areas of State Government into one unit. No new money was used to create these entities. 2) it called for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Single Point of Entry. The RFP was issued in November 2005, with responses due February 2006. These RFPs are currently being reviewed. 3) it creates the Long-Term Care Commission as an advisory group to assure that the Task Force recommendations are implemented. The majority (9 of 17) of the Commissioners represent primary or secondary consumers of long-term supports and services.

- **Presentation of the Long-Term Care Task Force Recommendations:** RoAnne Chaney provided a power point presentation on the Task Force Recommendations. She presented the background to the Task Force, that it grew out of a lawsuit. One of the provisions of the lawsuit settlement was to establish the Long-Term Care Task Force. She explained person-centered planning and self-determination. The concept of Money Follows the Person is to take money to whatever setting the consumer may choose. Single Points of Entry is one of the most significant recommendations of the Task Force. RoAnne emphasized chronic care coordination vs. disease management. RoAnne reviewed the major recommendations of the on Long-Term Task Force, which can be found at [http://www.ihcs.msu.edu/LTC/Reports/Final LTC Task Force Report.doc](http://www.ihcs.msu.edu/LTC/Reports/Final_LTC_Task_Force_Report.doc) .

### Organizing the Commission:

- **Operations of the Commissions:** Jan Christensen provided a power point presentation of the operations of the commission according to the Executive Order.

The Executive Order indicates the commission will select a Secretary from among the membership. The commission may select a vice chair but it is not required. It may make sense to select a vice chair. As you elect subcommittees, it needs to be remembered that actions are only proposed actions until there is a majority vote of the Commission.

The critical limitation on the making of inquiries is the limitation of staffing. The Department needs to prioritize its' workload. Commission members can receive reimbursement for travel depending on the budget. For those members whose affiliations do not pay for travel, you may receive some compensation for travel.

- **Selection of other officers (Vice Chair, Secretary):** Dohn Hoyle suggested that Marsha Moers select a subgroup of the commission to select nominations for these offices. These nominations would be presented at the next commission meeting. They would also work on operational issues such as rules of order and by-laws. Marsha agreed to contact five people for this subgroup.

- **Regular Meeting Schedule:** It was suggested that the commission meet monthly for the next three months, break for summer, then start again in the fall. This was agreed to by the commission.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment

**Adjournment:** Christine Chesny moved to adjourn. Andy Farmer seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned

**Next meetings:** April 24, 1pm – 4pm, Capitol View Building, Conference Rooms B & C  
May 22, 1pm – 4pm, Hutchinson Conference Room in the Constitution Hall.  
The call in # is 517-241-3510.  
June 26, 1pm – 4pm, Capitol View Building, Conference Rooms B & C